THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government have received reports of this statement.

(b) The statement of the Pakistan Prime Minister constitutes a serious departure from the provisions of the Simla Agreement and reflects a perceptible hardening of the posture of the Pakistan Government towards India.

(c) Government's serious concern about the position adopted by the Pakistan authorities has been periodically communicated to them.

Presence of former President of Pak-occupied Kashmir at NAM Conference

83. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. K. H. Khurshid, former President of Pak-occupied Kashmir, attended the recently held NAM Conference at Harare and distributed tendentious literature to the delegates condemning India even when he was not in the official Pak delegation; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) It is a fact that K. H. Khurshid was present at the recently held NAM Summit at Harare and was seen distributing offending literature to some delegates. Our strong objection to this has been conveyed to the Government of Pakistan.

Hijacking of Pan Am Jumbo Jet at Karachi

84. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a recently hijacked Pan Am Jumbo jet at Karachi a number of Indian passengers were killed following shoot out by Pakistani commandos;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the number of Indian passengers killed; and

(c) whether the matter has been taken up by the Government of India with the Government of Pakistan with regard to the handling of the situation by Pakistani commandos resulting in the deaths of a number of Indians and other passengers; if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) in the recent hijacking of a Pan American aircraft at Karachi 20 persons were killed including 13 Indian nationals.

(c) Government have expressed their dismay at the handling of this incident by the Pakistan authorities and have called on the Pakistan authorities to provide a detailed and authentic report on the incident at a very early date.

Availability of yarn to handloom sector

85. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA DEVISINGH PATIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to provide adequate availability of yarn and other materials at a reasonable price to the handloom sector; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what is the quantum of yarn supplied to each State as against their requirement since 1985?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) In order to provide adequate supply of yarn to the handloom sector, Government of India have imposed a statutory obligation on all mills to pack at least 50 per cent of their marketable yarn in the form of hanks, out of which 85 per cent should be in counts 40s and below. The National Handloom Development Corporation, set up with the main object of supplying raw